GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
WATER RESOURCES, RIVER DEVELOPMENT AND GANAGA REJUVENATION
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Conservation of Ground Water
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Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES, RIVER DEVELOPMENT AND GANAGA REJUVENATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether desired results under schemes formulated for conservation of ground water have been achieved by the Government during the last three years;
(b) if so, whether amount allocated under the said schemes is proportionately spent by the Central and State Governments;
(c) if so, the details thereof;
(d) whether the Government has set any target regarding ground-water conservation and if so, the details thereof; and
(e) the details of the schemes formulated to check the indiscriminate exploitation of ground water?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR WATER RESOURCES, RIVER DEVELOPMENT AND GANGA REJUVENATION
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(a) to (e) During XI Plan, Central Ground Water Board (CGWB) had taken up Demonstrative Rain Water Harvesting and Artificial Recharge projects in 22 States of the Country, under Central Sector Scheme "Ground Water Management & Regulation". Under the scheme, 133 demonstrative recharge projects costing Rs. 99.87 crore were approved for construction of recharge structures in various States/UTs with an anticipated annual recharge to ground water at about 55.20 MCM. The scheme on artificial recharge project has been discontinued during the XII Plan. Till date, Rs. 92.70 crore has been released.

The impact assessment studies carried out in few projects has verified rise in ground water levels, increase in sustainability of ground water abstraction structures and enhancement in pumping duration.

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